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July 17, 2003

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AWARD OF CONTRACT  
PROJECT ID NO. P200000363  
CHILDREN'S COURT ALTERNATE EXIT PROJECT  
SPECIFICATIONS 6517; CAPITAL PROJECT 69210  
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1  
3 VOTES**

**JOINT RECOMMENDATION WITH THE CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER THAT  
YOUR BOARD:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to prepare and execute the construction contract for the Children's Court Alternate Exit Project, in the City of Monterey Park (1), to PPC Construction, Incorporated, in the amount of \$399,850.00.

### **PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION**

The recommended action will award a construction contract to PPC Construction, Incorporated, to construct a single-span concrete bridge connecting the third level of the parking structure to Ameron Drive. The project also includes providing access to the new bridge from the secured parking area.

In November 2000, your Board approved an alternate vehicular exit project from the Court's parking structure to the adjacent property in the event of an emergency. Due to the adjacent property owner's unwillingness to grant a permanent easement, your Board approved the construction of a bridge spanning from the parking structure to Ameron Drive.

On May 20, 2003, your Board adopted the plans and specifications and instructed the Executive Officer of the Board to advertise for this project.

Currently, an interim emergency egress has been implemented through a temporary ramp from the parking structure. Following completion of the bridge construction, the interim emergency egress will be removed and the adjacent property returned to its original condition.

### **Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals**

This project is consistent with the County Strategic Plan Goal of Service Excellence as construction of the Children's Court Alternate Exit Project will provide an alternate vehicular exit in the event of an emergency if evacuation is required for court staff and visitors. In addition, the project will improve the County's infrastructure.

### **FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING**

#### **Project Budget Impact**

The recommended construction contract cost is \$439,835.00, including a base contract of \$399,850.00 and change order contingency fund of \$39,985.00. The construction bid received from the lowest responsible and responsive contractor was \$44,165.00 lower than estimated. It is recommended that the \$44,165.00 be allocated to the Unforeseen Site Conditions line item in the project budget and utilized, if necessary, for the implementation of the proposed project.

The estimated project budget includes County Services of \$420,000.00. Public Works has currently incurred costs of \$249,115.00, which includes \$111,000.00 for designing the bridge and preparing construction documents, \$34,000.00 for designing the roll-up gates and garage parking stall restriping, \$26,700.00 for preparing geotechnical studies, and \$77,415.00 for providing project management and construction administration services.

It is recommended that the estimated project budget remain at the Board approved amount of \$1,132,000.00 until construction is completed to address unknown site conditions which may be encountered during construction of the proposed project.

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Sufficient appropriation is available in the Children's Court Alternate Exit Project (CP No. 69210) of the 2003-04 Capital Project Adopted Budget. The proposed project is funded by \$440,000.00 of First District Capital Project funds and \$692,000.00 from the Criminal Justice Facilities Temporary Construction Fund.

The Project Schedule and Budget Summary are included in the enclosures.

### **FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS**

The recommended contract award is to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder in accordance with the California Public Contract Code and your Board's directives. The enclosure includes the project description, the call for bids and bid opening dates, the amount of the bids received, and financial information. The certified record of receipt of the bids and the original bid proposals for this project are also enclosed, including a copy of the addenda to the contract specifications.

We have developed an outreach program to encourage all qualified contractors to participate in the bidding and contracting process on our projects. Under this program, we place notices of upcoming bids in local and minority newspapers throughout the County. These notices indicate that copies of plans and specifications are available at specified libraries and the Public Works Headquarters building. This allows interested contractors to view the plans and specifications at convenient locations. We also provide telephone numbers (including one for Spanish-speaking contractors) to obtain further information on bidding and subcontracting opportunities.

To further increase contractor awareness of contracting opportunities with Public Works, this project was listed on the County website for upcoming bids.

The State Labor Code requires contractors to pay prevailing wage rates to all persons employed on public works construction contracts. These rates are determined by the Department of Industrial Relations and include contributions for fringe benefits such as vacations, pension funds, training, and health plans for each employee.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the project specifications stating that the contractor shall notify its employees, and shall require each subcontractor to notify its employees, so that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

The contract will be in the form previously approved by County Counsel. We will also review and approve the faithful performance and payment bonds filed by the contractor.

### **ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION**

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (i) and (n), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### **CONTRACTING PROCESS**

The contract was solicited on an open competitive basis in accordance with the provisions of the Public Contract Code. The contract is being awarded to PPC Construction, Incorporated, who was the low bidder of the five bids received, and who was also responsible and responsive.

The project specifications contain provisions (1) requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Child Support Compliance Program, (2) requiring the contractor to report solicitations of improper consideration by County employees and allowing the County to terminate the contract if it is found that the contractor offered or gave improper consideration to County employees, (3) requiring the contractor to comply with the requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program, and 4) requiring the contractor to comply with the Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

Public Works has confirmed that the contractor is in compliance with the County's Child Support Compliance Program and requirements of the Contractor Employee Jury Service Program. In addition, the contracts will include language requiring compliance with Newborn Abandonment Law (Safely Surrendered Baby Law).

The project specifications also contain a provision that, should the contractor require additional or replacement personnel to fill employment openings, consideration shall be given to hiring qualified participants in the County's Greater Avenues for Independence or General Relief Opportunities for Work Programs.

To ensure that the contract is awarded to a responsible contractor with a satisfactory performance history, bidders were required to report violations of the False Claims Act, their civil litigation history, and information regarding prior criminal convictions. The information reported by the contractor was considered before making this recommendation to approve execution of the contract.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)**

Construction of the single-span concrete bridge will temporarily eliminate up to 11 parking spaces in the parking structure and 10 parking spaces on Sheriff Road for the duration of construction. This will not impact the current services provided by the Sheriff's Department since additional parking is available in the adjoining parking structure.

Superior Court has agreed to help provide parking for Sheriff's Department personnel working in the Sheriff's headquarters in the adjacent leased facility, the University Center Building. Allowing access to the Children's Courthouse parking structure for overflow parking in the immediate area will help solve a critical problem for the Sheriff's Department.

This project is scheduled to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September 2003 and be completed in January 2004.

**CONCLUSION**

Please return one adopted copy of this letter to the Chief Administrative Office, Capital Projects Division, and one copy to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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Chief Administrative Officer

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cc: Chief Administrative Office  
County Counsel  
Office of Affirmative Action Compliance

July 17, 2003

**ENCLOSURE**

**CHILDREN'S COURT ALTERNATE EXIT PROJECT  
ADOPT AND ADVERTISE  
SPECIFICATIONS 6517; CAPITAL PROJECT 69210**

**I. PROJECT SCHEDULE**

<b>Project Activity</b>	<b>Scheduled Completion Date</b>
Project Feasibility	4/14/00*
Design Schematic Design Construction Documents Approval	01/10/03* 04/01/03* 04/08/03*
Adopt, Advertise Board Approval	05/20/03*
Bid Opening	06/24/03*
Award Construction Contract Board Approval	07/29/03
Construction Temporary Measures Substantial Completion Acceptance	03/18/03* 01/30/04 05/31/04

\* Indicates completed activity.

## II. PROJECT BUDGET SUMMARY

Budget Category	Project Budget	Impact of this Action	Revised Project Budget
Land Acquisition	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	-0-
Construction			
(a) Interim Measures	\$ 75,000	\$ -0-	\$ 75,000
(b) Construction	\$ 440,000	\$ ( 40,150)	\$ 399,850
(c) Change Orders	\$ 44,000	\$ ( 4,015)	\$ 39,985
Subtotal	\$ 559,000	\$ ( 44,165)	\$ 514,835
Unforeseen Site Conditions	\$ 113,000	\$ 44,165	\$ 157,165
Equipment	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Plans & Specifications by Consultant	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Miscellaneous Consultant Services	\$ -0-	\$ -0-	\$ -0-
Miscellaneous Expenditures	\$ 14,500	\$ -0-	\$ 14,500
Jurisdictional Review and Plan Check	\$ 25,500	\$ -0-	\$ 25,500
County Services**	\$ 420,000	\$ -0-	\$ 420,000
TOTAL	\$1,132,000	\$ -0-	\$1,132,000

\*\*The revised project budget for County Services includes the budget for consultant services for the Geotechnical Analysis portion of the project if not performed by Public Works.

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AWARD OF CONTRACT  
July 17, 2003

PROJECT ID NO. P200000363, CHILDREN'S COURT ALTERNATE EXIT  
(City of Monterey Park), Supervisorial District 1

TYPE OF WORK: Construction of a bridge, curb, alley intersection, asphalt concrete pavement on base material, and modifications to an existing parking structure.

CALL FOR BIDS DATE: May 20, 2003 (Synopsis 50)

BID OPENING DATE: June 24, 2003

BID SUMMARY:

Low	PPC Construction, Inc., a corporation 336 North Central Avenue, Suite 10A Glendale, California 91203 (818) 662-8040	\$399,850.00
2	Essex Construction, Inc.	\$411,290.00
3	+*Olivas Valdez, Inc.	\$465,240.00
4	Van Elk, Ltd.	\$494,185.00
5	Temco	\$516,816.00

\*MWBE  
+SBE

FINANCIAL INFORMATION:

Amount of estimate	\$411,200.00
Amount of recommended contract	\$399,850.00
Amount of recommended contract below estimate	\$ 11,350.00

The amount of the recommended contract is 3 percent below the estimate.

This project is included in the 2003-04 Capital Fund Budget.

MINORITY/WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS ENTERPRISE DATA:

PPC Construction, Inc., has one MWBE subcontractor/supplier under this contract, which does not have a Federal- or State-mandated DBE goal.



### ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT:

This project is categorically exempt pursuant to Class 1, Subsections (i) and (n), of the revised County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines adopted by your Board on November 17, 1987.

### CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE:

The contract specifications require the work to be completed in 80 working days. It is estimated that the work will start in September 2003 and be completed in January 2004.

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